Cover

The title of this book is Corduroy. The author of this book, the person who wrote the story, is Don Freeman.

What's this on the front cover of the book? Point to Corduroy- the teddy bear.

Yes, this is a picture of a teddy bear, a stuffed bear, whose name is Corduroy. This story is about some things that happen to Corduroy. The story is also about a little girl named Lisa and her mother. We don't see them on the cover. We'll find out all about them when we read the story.

Page 1 Read page 1

Point to the teddy bear as you read *Here's Corduroy, on the shelf with the other toys.*

Page 2-3 Read pages 2-3

Point to the bear and his overalls on P 2
After you read, "her mother sighed" on P 3 sigh to show the meaning of the word. There were two reasons why Lisa's mother said she couldn't buy Corduroy. She didn't want to spend the money and Corduroy had lost a button.

We can see that they do have some bags that are full of packages. I guess they bought some other things. (Point to Picture) And, yes, we can see that this strap, which goes over Corduroy's shoulder- this part of our body- is not buttoned. Point to strap and shoulder_ There's no button down here on his overalls for that shoulder strap. So Lisa's mommy had two very good reasons for saying no.

Page 4-5 Read 4

After reading page 4 ask, How do you think Lisa is feeling about having to leave Corduroy at the store?...

Now read Page 5. Then say, Oh, Corduroy is just now noticing that he's missing a button. He hadn't realized that until Lisa's mother mentioned it.

Page 6-7 Read 6-7

So that night, when the shoppers weren't there and it was kind of dark in the store, Corduroy started looking for his button.

Page 8-9 Read 8-9

As you read, explain **escalator** by saying *it* is a set of stairs that move, people move on them.

Corduroy is a little confused, isn't he? Mountains are tall, but they don't look like this, do they?

Page 10-11 Read 10-11

Explain **palace** quickly when you come to it in the text.

He's a little confused again, isn't he? He's not in a king or queen's **palace**, he's in the **furniture department** of the store, in the place where they sell beds and sofas and tables and chairs.

Page 12-13 Read 12-13

Define **admiring** quickly by saying, *he really liked all the furniture he saw.*

Corduroy thought he could just pick up the button he saw, but it was attached to the mattress with a **thread**, which is a kind of string we use to sew things. Point to the thread.

Page 14-15 Read 14-15

Why do you think Corduroy is covering his ears with his paws?.... Link his action to the loud crash of the lamp falling.

Page 16-17 Read 16

After reading P 16 ask, What does the night watchman have in his hand?(flashlight)
And why does he have a flashlight?.....
Guide children toward the fact that it is night and very dark in much of the store.
The night watchman needs some light to search for the source of the loud noise that he heard.

Read P 17. Ask, What did he notice that was out of the ordinary, or not as it usually is? (Point to the fallen lamp) Yes, he noticed that the lamp was not standing up, and he wondered who knocked it down.

Page 18-19 Read 18-19

Point to the two ears on P 18. Who's there?.... Does the night watchman know who it is?..... Reread the text if necessary.

Page 20-21 Read 20-21

Move finger in a downward motion along the escalator as you read P 20 Now he's back in the toy department, where he started.

Page 22-23 Read 22-23

What's a piggy bank? Does anyone know? Guide comments toward a child's bank often in the shape of a pig, for saving coins. Have one to show.

So Lisa had been putting money in her bank little by little, saving it, and she found out that she had enough to buy Corduroy. Her mother didn't have enough money to buy him, but Lisa had saved some money of her own.

Page 24-25 Read 24-25

Four flights of stairs is a lot, and Lisa ran up all the way. Lisa was very excited about bringing Corduroy home, wasn't she?.....
Move on

Page 26-27 Read 26-27

After reading, "Corduroy blinked," say, He opened and closed his eyes quickly several times. Demonstrate blinking. Then finish reading p 26

Does Corduroy like it here better than at the toy store?....Now read P27. Point to the overalls again when you read this page.

It's rather uncomfortable if a shoulder strap is flopping around because there's no button to hold it down. Lisa likes Corduroy no matter what, but she thinks he'll feel a little better with his strap fastened. She's using a needle and thread to sew on a botton. Point to the illus. and have a needle and thread to show.

Page 28 Read 29

Have you ever wanted something a lot and your mom or dad or maybe your grandma said, "No, you can't have it. It costs too much money?" As children respond, guide them toward the realization that families sometimes have other important needs so toys must wait.

Story Discussion:

Does anyone have a piggy bank like Lisa?(benefits of saving)
Do you think Lisa has any brothers and sisters? Maybe she's like Peter, the story Whistle for Willie, before his baby sister was born. Lisa is the only child in this family, it seems. Do you think maybe she wanted to buy Corduroy so she'd have someone to play with?..